

Faculty Association to honour Dr. Ben C. H. Kuo for contributions to equity

Dr. Ben C. H. Kuo is the recipient of the 2019 Mary Lou Dietz Equity Award. Dr. Kuo has distinguished himself as a scholar, educator, and public advocate in the areas of cross-cultural and multicultural psychology.

Dr. Kuo's record of scholarly work in the intersection of culture and mental health is receiving national and international recognition. He has led collaborations between University of Windsor and international scholars through the Multicultural Clinical and Counselling Research Group. In 2016, Dr. Kuo and his research team participated in a CIHR-funded project to study the health and integration of Syrian refugees in Canada. Dr. Kuo was a guest editor in an issue on "Refugee Mental Health" in *Psynopsis*, the Canadian Psychological Association's official publication. He has been sought out by Springer Publishing to be the Editor-in-Chief for the first edition of the *International Handbook of Culture, Migration, and Mental Health*.

Dr. Kuo has demonstrated exceptional mentorship of culturally diverse graduate and undergraduate students, which is reflected in their academic achievements. Dr. Kuo has made significant contributions to both graduate and undergraduate curricula by incorporating multicultural and cultural clinical training. He created and taught graduate and undergraduate courses. The practicum course *Psychotherapy with Refugees/Immigrants* was a university-community collaboration for providing mental health services to refugees, and it was heralded as an innovative model by the Centre of Addiction and Mental Health. Dr. Kuo's teaching has reached beyond Canadian universities. He has been invited to teach internationally at institutions such as the Taiwan National Normal University, Victoria University in New Zealand, and Central University of Finance and Economics in China.

Dr. Kuo is a public advocate for equity and mental health, having given over twenty interviews with local, national, and international newspapers, radio, and television media. He has served on multiple advisory committees, including the Ontario Multicultural Health Applied Research Network, and most recently the Syrian Refugee Mental Health Working Group in Windsor, Ontario.

The Faculty Association, the Status of Women, Diversity and Equity Action Committee and the Mary Lou Dietz Equity Leadership Award Committee is honoured to bestow Dr. Ben Kuo with the 2019 award.